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1. [redacted] Dr. George Hanna, prominent doctor and non-Communist(?) member of the Lebanese cultural mission to Moscow, and Antun Tabit, a leading Communist, are continuously engaged in an effort to encourage important Lebanese merchants to trade with the U.S.S.R. These two men are said to be responsible for a petition to this effect which they submitted to President Bisharah Khuri.
2. Anatoli Dnieprovski, Soviet Commercial Attaché in Beirut, is also making a concerted effort to interest local merchants in trade with the Soviet Union. In addition, he is believed to be collecting statistics on Lebanese trade with Western Europe and the U.S.A.
3. The following list, [redacted] indicates those Lebanese merchants who do trade with the U.S.S.R. or with its satellites.

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Country	Merchant	Identification	Commodities
U.S.S.R.	'Abdallah 'Adra'	a leading Communist in Tripoli	foreign films
U.S.S.R.	Joseph Hakim	Maison officer for Communist Party and Soviet Legation	" "
Poland	Mustafa Mahmud Bassat		sugar
"	Sulayman Baydun		"
"	Muhsin Baydun		"
"	Cereals Union Company		"
Hungary	John Nakhlah		leather
Czechoslovakia	Sayigh Brothers		handbags
"	Amin Shaykh		notebooks

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Merchant</u>	<u>Identification</u>	<u>Commodities</u>
Czechoslovakia	Karl Hafle		wood and instruments
"	Kand Hafle		" " "
"	Ahmad Da'uq and Sons		wood
"	Anwar Salam		linens and locks
"	Rashad Salam		" " "
"	Bata Company		shoes and toilet articles
"	Khuri and Bahut		felt and fezzes
"	Yusuf George Azzar		grinders
"	'Abd-al-Rahim Diyad		porcelain and building material
"	'Abd-al-Qadir Najah and Sons		porcelain and faience (earthenware)
"	Muhyi al-Din Nusuli	owner of Beirut; Secretary of Beirut Association des Commercants	glassware, electric bulbs
"	Shafiq 'Aris		electric bulbs, glass and mechanical instruments
"	Nasim Sa'yydah and Company		glass
"	Tannus Niqola Haddad		glass
"	Fu'ad Afrah		glass and electric bulbs
"	ABC (Company)		costume jewelry
"	Yaraminian		" "
"	Da'uq Brothers		" "
"	Da'ud Baddurah		nails
"	George Khalil Furnayni		"

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Merchant</u>	<u>Identification</u>	<u>Commodities</u>
Czechoslovakia	Karki and Bayhum		crude motor oil
"	Emile Jallad		iceboxes
"	George Jallad		"
"	A.G. Bulbari		poker chips
Rumania	Nazim Gandur	25X1X	wood
"	Fadil Gandur		"
"	Ahmad Zaki Kabbarah		"
"	Elie Levy	has maintained close " commercial connections with U.S.S.R. for many years	

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